

SENATE RESOLUTION 165
By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Emily Kristin Watts, 2004
Valedictorian of Scott High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Emily Kristin Watts is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Scott High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Watts has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Emily has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, a leader both within and without the classroom, Miss Watts performed flawlessly as the Secretary, Vice President, and President of the Student Council and the Vice President and President of the Beta Club while proving her talents on the basketball team, the track and cross-country team, and the soccer team; her performance on the soccer pitch was of such sterling quality that Emily was named to the All-District Team during her senior season; and

WHEREAS, a gifted writer and orator, Emily Watts was the winner of both the Plateau Electric Essay contest and the Maxwell Sexton Speech Contest; her dedication also found her receiving a National Merit Award in English, being named a USAA All-American Scholar, and performing with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Emily has proven her social conscientiousness by participating as a tutor in the University of Tennessee's Gear-UP program, volunteering at local women's shelter, packing and delivering Thanksgiving baskets, and participating in three cancer walk-a-thons; and

WHEREAS, Emily's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Watts' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Garry and Debbie Watts, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Watts' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Scott High School Valedictorian, Emily Kristin Watts, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.